

Call for international and intersectoral mobility 2015

Hasselt University encourages the international (outside Flanders) and intersectoral mobility of its junior researchers and wants to promote international contacts between research groups. Due to financial support of the Flemish Government, Hasselt University is able to award travel grants to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers for **participation in a summer school or a short research stay abroad**. Also, PhD students and postdoctoral researchers can be awarded intersectoral mobility grants for **research projects conducted at and in collaboration with non-academic institutions** (companies, hospitals, ...). In the academic year 2014-2015, there will be two calls:

- Call 1: Deadline of submission is 23/11/2014 and the activity (summer school, short stay abroad, intersectoral mobility) has to take place between 15/12/2014 and 30/3/2015. You will receive the result of your application before 5/12/2014.
- Call 2: Deadline of submission is 1/3/2015 and the activity (summer school, short stay abroad, intersectoral mobility) has to take place between 1/4/2015 and 30/9/2015. You will receive the result of your application before 20/3/2015.

The proposals will be evaluated by the doctoral school council of Hasselt University.

Who can apply?

All PhD students and postdoctoral researchers with a UHasselt promoter.

What are the requirements for the *international travel grants*?

- The event has to take place outside Flanders. The events have to be explicitly targeted at the training of PhD students/postdoctoral researchers. Examples of such events are summer schools, a short stay at a foreign research institution or at an institution with excellent research accommodation (e.g. excellent libraries), ... There is no limit on the duration of your stay abroad but there is a limit on the budget which you can apply for (see 'What financial support will be offered?').
- The topic of the event has to be highly relevant to the research project of the PhD student or postdoctoral researcher.
- You need to fill in the 'application form international and intersectoral mobility 2015'.
- A positive recommendation of the promoter is required.

What are the selection criteria for the *international travel grants*?

The goal of the selection criteria is twofold: i) to stimulate young researchers to apply for external funding, e.g. FWO, and ii) to provide travel grants to young researchers, even if they are unable to apply for external funding. The mentioned FWO funding for mobility includes e.g. grants for participation in a workshop or a course abroad and grants for a short stay abroad. More information is available on the FWO website (<http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/international-mobility/>).

- If eligible, the young researcher is required to also apply for FWO travel funding. In case of a positive evaluation of both the FWO application and the UHasselt application, the FWO grant will be retained. The UHasselt grant will be given to the first applicant on the waiting list.
- PhD events for starting PhD researchers (1st & 2nd year PhD students) without an international publication (and thus not able to apply for FWO funding) are also eligible for funding.
- FWO and IWT researchers are also welcome to apply for funding, but only for destinations outside Europe.

- The applicant is required to produce a letter of invitation from the foreign host institution in case of a short research stay abroad or a letter of acceptance from the organizers of the summer school (or confirmation of participation). The evidence of acceptance can be provided after the grant application.
- The promoter is responsible for the correct use of the funding conform the aforementioned conditions.
- The following selection criteria will be taken into consideration (please mention these elements in your motivation (see application form):
 - The excellence of the host institution and its relevance for the research project of the applicant
 - The publications of the applicant
 - The moment of application with respect to the duration of the research project and its progress

What are the requirements for the *intersectoral mobility grants*?

- The goal of the intersectoral mobility grant is a research visit at a non-academic host institution (either in Belgium or abroad). The visit has to be explicitly targeted at the training of PhD students/postdoctoral researchers, e.g. an internship. Examples of potential non-academic host institutions are hospitals, courts of law, companies, government instances, ... In case of doubt whether a proposed non-academic host institution qualifies for this call, the doctoral school council will decide on the eligibility. There is no limit on the duration of the intersectoral research visit, but there is a limit on the budget which you can apply for (see 'What financial support will be offered?').
- The topic of the intersectoral mobility plan needs to be highly relevant to the research project of the PhD student or postdoctoral researcher.
- You need to fill in the 'application form international and intersectoral mobility 2015'.
- A positive recommendation of the promoter is required.

What are the selection criteria for the *intersectoral mobility grants*?

The goal of the selection criteria is to promote intersectoral mobility en stimulate young researchers to explore research possibilities outside academia, by providing grants to young researchers, even if they are unable to apply for external funding.

- FWO and IWT researchers are also welcome to apply for funding.
- The applicant is required to produce a letter of invitation (or acceptance) from the host institution. This letter can be provided after the grant application.
- The promoter is responsible for the correct use of the funding conform the aforementioned conditions.
- The following selection criteria will be taken into consideration (please mention these elements in your motivation (see application form):
 - The excellence of the host institution and its relevance for the research project of the applicant
 - The publications of the applicant
 - The moment of application with respect to the duration of the research project and its progress

What financial support will be offered?

The total budget for the two calls is 25.000 euros. For the first call, the maximum budget is 9.000 euros. Four initiatives outside Europe will be selected and will be provided with max 1.000 euros financial support per initiative, and 10 initiatives outside Flanders but within Europe (intersectoral mobility can also be within Flanders) will be selected and will be provided with max 500 euros financial support per initiative. For the second call, the maximum budget is 16.000 euros. Eight initiatives outside Europe will be selected and will be provided with max 1.000 euros financial

support per initiative, and 16 initiatives outside Flanders but within Europe (intersectoral mobility can also take place within Flanders) will be selected and will be provided with max 500 euros financial support per initiative.

This financial support can be used for paying travel costs, accommodation costs and/or event registration fees. These expenses need to be directly related to the event and can only be reimbursed on the basis of receipts. This financial support CANNOT be used to pay drinks and food.

How to apply for this financial support?

You can submit your proposal by e-mail to doctoralschools@uhasselt.be. Only proposals containing the following two parts will be taken into consideration:

- the application form
- the recommendation form of the promoter(s).

More information about financial arrangements will be communicated to the selected candidates.

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